REMARKS

In this reply, there are no amendments to the claims. Accordingly, claims 1-14 remain present in this application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

In the Office Action, claims 1-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over McWalter et al. '233 (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0179233) in view of McWalter et al. '032 (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0182032). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious in view of the combination of McWalter et al. '233 and McWalter et al. '032 for the reasons stated below.

McWalter et al. '233 discloses a user interface manager for abstracting a user interface in which a request is received from an application program to present data to a user. The user interface manager in McWalter et al. '233 determines which user interface devices are currently available and selects a particular user interface device to present the data. Abstract controls for the selected user interface device that have been provided to the application program are then used to present the data to the user via the selected user interface device.

McWalter et al. '032 discloses a vehicle mode manager for managing vehicle state information. The vehicle mode manager in McWalter et al. '032 includes a code module that registers an application program with the vehicle mode manager. A code module receives vehicle status information and another code module determines a vehicle state based on both the vehicle status information and a current vehicle state.

In contrast, Applicants' claimed invention as recited in claim 1 is directed to a system for delivering context-based service to a vehicle. The system includes a plurality of context advisers each providing a source of information for a designated category. The system also includes a plurality of service agents. The service agents perform context-information filtering based on a requested service. The system further includes an interface for interfacing with an onboard device on a vehicle. The context advisers perform information collection, and the service agents employ the collected information to acquire and store pertinent information.

Claim 8 is directed to a method of delivering context-based service to a vehicle. The method includes the steps of collecting information from a plurality of context advisers and receiving a service request. The method also includes the steps of performing context-information filtering based on the service requested, and acquiring pertinent information from the collected information. The method further includes the steps of storing the pertinent information in memory and delivering up-to-date information and services to a vehicle.

To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, there must be some suggestion or motivation, in the references themselves or in the general knowledge available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the references or to combine reference teachings. In addition, the prior art references when combined must teach or suggest all of the claim limitations.

Nowhere do either of the McWalter et al. '233 and McWalter et al. '032 patent publications teach or suggest a system or method for delivering context-based service to a vehicle having a plurality of context advisers, service agents, and an interface as recited in independent claim 1, nor the steps recites in independent claim 8. Specifically, neither of the McWalter et al. '233 and '032 patent publications teaches or even suggests service agents that perform context-information filtering based on a requested service that employ collected information from context advisers for use in acquiring and storing pertinent information. Instead, McWalter et al. '233 selects the user interface device and provides abstract controls therefore, while McWalter et al. '032 determines a vehicle state based on current state and vehicle status information.

Applicants submit that the McWalter et al. '233 and McWalter et al. '032 patent publications either singly or in combination, do not teach or suggest Applicants' claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants are of the position that claims 1-14 should be allowable over the cited references.

Applicants reserve the right to file a declaration (or affidavit) under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 to antedate the McWalter et al. '233 and the McWalter et al. '032 patent publications and thereby remove both publications as references. However, Applicants believe that pending

claims 1-14 define allowable subject matter in view of the cited references and should be allowed, absent the filing of any such declaration.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) should be withdrawn. The Examiner's allowance of the present application is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding patentability of any of the claims, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to discuss the same.

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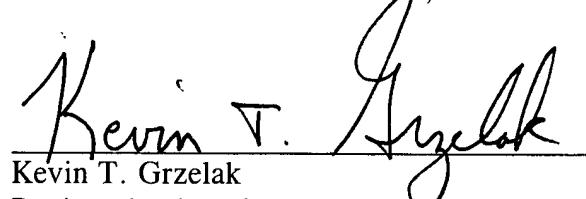
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